Mr. President: Would the Hon'ble Member be good enough to indicate what this question implies?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* I submit that it is contained in sub-division (*b*).

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member has not explained the implications of the question.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are the Government aware that when names are given to the Departmental Heads there will be some sort of feeling against the person who puts the question?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* No, Sir.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the quarters concerned will have any difficulty if the names are omitted?

Mr. President: No, no difficulty whatever.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Then, Sir, will the Government follow that hereafter?

Mr. President: Are the Hon'ble Members ashamed of their names being given out in this way?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Not that we are ashamed, Sir, but the nature of the questions which necessity compels us to put has got its reactions by being not allowed to be attending to what we normally attend to, by being pestered by persons who may be adversely affected by the questions?

Mr. President: May I suggest to Hon'ble Members that this withholding of their names in this connection is entirely opposed to the principles of publicity which should attend all the proceedings of this House.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* We are much obliged to the Chair for that attitude, Sir.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I put it to the Government—when questions relating to the Ministerial Departments are put, we can understand it—but with reference to the bureaucratic part of the Government, it is the servants whose conduct is being questioned. That is the implication.

Mr. President: What information is the Hon'ble Member asking for?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I am asking whether the Government is aware of the difficulties on account of the putting the names in the questions?

Mr. President: Government do not understand there is any difficulty.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Are the Government aware that some members of the legislature withdraw their questions before they are answered?

Mr. President: I hardly think that arises from the question on the paper.

ADVOCATE-GENERAL—STATUS OF

68. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the present salary of the Advocate-General;

(*b*) the status of the office in the matter of precedence at State ceremonies and occasions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Rs. 250—400.

(*b*) He was placed between the Chief Medical Officer and the Comptroller of Finance and Accounts in the list for Athachamayam. 1120.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government will be pleased to give a pay to the Advocate-General commensurate with the high office that he holds?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The Government want notice. The question requires consideration.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Advocate-General does not hold the status of a Puisne Judge of the High Court according to the Constitution Act?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The qualifications for the Advocate-General and a Judge of the High Court are the same.

Mr. President: May I say that qualifications are not the same as status.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is not the Advocate-General Sir, the Legal Adviser of the Government?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Nobody disputed that. He is of course.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know whether he is not given the status of a High Court Judge in other places like Madras and Travancore?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

Mr A. B. Se am *(Mattancheri)*: What is the status that you give to him at present?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: That question has already been answered.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: It is stated, he is placed below the Chief Medical Officer. My question is what is the status.

Mr. President: Order, order. That question is answered on the paper.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, how the salary of the Advocate-General compares with the salary of similar officers both in Travancore and in Madras.

Mr. President: Order, order. That question has already been put and answered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri:)* It has not been answered, Sir, though it has been put.

Mr. President: Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: The answer gives only his place in the Athachamayam List.

Rama Varmha Thampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I referred to it because that is the latest list.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: My question is, what is his place in the Durbar List?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The Athachamayam List is also the Durbar List.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Has this been the pay, Sir, of the Advocate-General for the last many years?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I don't remember. I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether it was not Rs. 400 fixed and not a graded pay of Rs. 250-400 as now.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

CERTAIN ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT—INTERPRETATION OF

69. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi)*: Will Government be pleased to state the effect of the clause "without affecting the claims of others" in orders of Government in the appointments and transfers of Government servants?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Without knowing the particular order under reference, a reply cannot be given.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Sir, have the Government passed any order stating like this—"without affecting the claims of others". Any single order?

Mr. President: Very likely.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Then may I know the effect of that clause? What does it mean?

Mr. President: Exactly what it says. The order in question refers only to that particular case and it does not affect others. That is what it means.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: When one officer is appointed over several officers who have got greater service, does it mean that when a new vacancy arises the claims of those officers will be affected?

Mr. President: I am afraid that the Hon'ble Member is putting a hypothetical question. If he would quote a particular order to which he takes exception and would ask the Government the meaning of that order, a full and complete answer will be given. But we cannot answer questions of this hypothetical nature.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: I take objection to all such orders and I wanted to know the meaning of the clause.

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